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1. ACCORDING TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY MALTA NEWS (GENERAL WORKERS' UNION) STATE-OWNED KRONEBURG DOCKYARD OF VIENNA HAS TRANSFERRED CONTRACT TO MALTA DRYDOCKS TO BUILD TWO TO FIVE FISH FACTORIES FISHING VESSELS ON WHICH FIFTH PROCESSED AND OPPORTUNITY COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION TEN OTHER SIMILAR VESSELS WHICH HAVE HAD THEIR STRUCTURAL WORK DONE IN AUSTRIA. KRONEBURG'S OFFER REPORTEDLY MADE DURING VISIT BY MALTA DRYDOCKS DELEGATION LAST MONTH (SEE REFTEL) FOLLOWING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY.

2. COMMENT: MALTA NEWS OBSERVATION THAT THE ONLY REMAINING PROBLEM NOW IS OF "FINANCIAL NATURE" INECGJTZS TO US
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AUSTRIANS T,JOINING RANKS OTHERS WHO HAVE MADE SINCERE

COMMERCIAL OFFER BASED ON ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS MIXED
WITH DESIRE ASSIST MALTA'S DEVELOPMENT. LATTER OBJECTIVE,
HOWEVER, FREQUENTLY LEADS TO PROLONGED AND COMPLICATED
NEGOTIATIONS AND DISAGREEMENTS BASED ON GOM'S ASSUMPTION IT
SHOULD BE OVERRIDING.
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